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SUBJECT: ANGRY OFFICIAL REACTION TO SUGGESTION THAT  
LIBYA RETURN TO ARAB FOLD

1. LIBYAN PRESS AUG 22 CARRIES FURIOUS DENIAL OF REPORT FROM CAIRO CORRESPONDENT OF BEIRUT DAILY "AL ANWAR" ON SADAT-QADHAFI TALKS IN ALEXANDRIA AUG 17. ARTICLE IS ATTRIBUTED TO POLITICAL EDITOR" OF LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY, BUT WAS PROBABLY WRITTEN IN HASTE BY QADHAFI, OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM. WHILE WRITER DENOUNCES "AL ANWAR", HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS TO KNOCK DOWN ANY SUGGESTION THAT LIBYAN POLICY IS CHANGING, AND THAT LIBYA MAY BE MAKING UP ITS QUARREL WITH EGYPT.

2. WRITER NOTES THAT "AL ANWAR" DESCRIBES ITS SOURCES AS WELL INFORMED, THAT CLOSE TO THE TALKS, AND RESPONSIBLE. THIS IMPLIES, HE SAYS, THAT ONE OF THREE CHIEFS OF STATE PRESENT, QADHAFI, SHEIKH ZAYID, OR SADAT, MUST HAVE TURNED INTO CORRESPONDENT FOR "AL ANWAR", SINCE THERE WAS CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTED TO THESE THREE, AND OTHER TALKS WERE ATTENDED ONLY BY HIGH OFFICIALS. HE POURS SCORN ON IDEA THAT LIBYA IS CHANGING ITS POLICY OR RETURNING TO ARAB RANKS. "LIBYA IS AND WILL REMAIN IN  
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A SINGLE RANK, THE RANK OF THE MASSESS....EVEN IF SHE

REMAINS COMPLETELY ALONE.... LIBYA IS AND WILL REMAIN  
ON THE ROAD OF LIBERATION.... WE INFORM 'AL ANWAR'  
THAT THERE IS NO SO-CALLED 'UNITY OF RANK' (IN ARAB  
WORLD).... WORDS OF THE ALMIGHTY APPLY'. WE SAY  
TO 'AL ANWAR' THERE IS SPLITTING APART IN THE ARAB HOMELAND....  
IF WE WERE SORT WHO GIVE IN TO BICKERINGS OR WHOSE  
SILENCE CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY, WE WOULD ACCEPT  
'AL ANWAR'S PROPOSITIONS".

3. COMMENT: QADHAFI IS OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE TO ANY  
SUGGESTIONS HE MADE CONCESSIONS TO SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA.  
HE SEEMS TO BE STILL ATTACHED TO HIS MELODRAMATIC ROLE  
AS LONELY WITNESS TO THE TRUTH, LEADER OF ARAB MASSES,  
AND FOE OF TRAITOROUS ARAB REGIMES.  
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